

Bar Hill News

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is 15th January to the

NEW EDITOR

See details on the back page

Bar Hill Residents' Association

Annual General meeting

January 31st

8.00 pm in the School Lounge

All Welcome



Christmas Services

Sunday 15th	10.00am	Gift & Crib Service
Tuesday 17th	2.30pm	Senior Citizens Carol Service
Sunday 22nd	6.30pm	Village Carols by Candlelight (followed by mince pies)
Tuesday 24th	4.00pm	Christingle Service
Tuesday 24th	9.30pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10.00am	Family Communion

All are warmly invited to join with us in the Christmas Celebrations

Bar Hill Residents' Association

02/03 Committee

Chairman	Mr R Hall	780304	11 Almond Grove
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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

What ? (see insert)	Cost ? (per month)	Who, where, how ? (see above)	When ? (in month)
Commercial '1/4 page' Ads.	£10	Adverts Co-ordinator	1st of previous
Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.	£5	Editor	15th
Commercial 'Mini' Ads.	£2.50	Editor	15th
Articles, 'What's On', 'For Sale', 'Lost & Found'	free	Editor	15th

The '1/4 page' adverts are for local businesses and we guarantee that they are always printed. This often results in a 'waiting list'. To overcome this we provide 'mini' and 'maxi' adverts that we use as 'fillers' for the text pages and do not guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions on the number of pages we can produce. Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via bhneditor@yahoo.com.

Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and address may be withheld at the Editor's discretion.

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Chiropody	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9.00 - 12.00	Thursday	2 - 5 pm
Dietitian	1st Tuesday	9.30 - 12.30		
Orthoptist	2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday	9.00 - 12.30		
Psychiatric Nurse			1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday	2 pm onwards
CAMTAD	4th Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30		
Consultant Pediatrician			3rd Wednesday	2 - 5 pm

Out of hours 'Emergencies'

Saturday mornings: 9.00 - 11.00 am 1 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. 01223 364127

All other emergencies phone

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Useful telephone numbers

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BHN (Commercial adverts - Bunty Waters)	201421
Church (Rev. Gary Renison)	781629
Conservative Party (Iris Lay)	205265
Health Centre	780442
Liberal Democrat Party (Tom Flanagan)	780571
Library	273318
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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I felt the need to comment on this years halloween festivities. Firstly it was good to see how responsible it was to have parents going along with the children, to supervise whilst they were trick or treating and for the earliness of the visits.

But, during the course of 3 hours, we counted 11 separate rings on our doorbell with a variety of trick or treaters, the first group absolutely terrifying my children in the house who were not used to, or expecting to see Satan and a witch at the front door! This caused many tears and as a consequence, several nightmares during the night!

The trick or treaters in moderation are fine, but elderly residents in my street were also targeted, the lady next door to myself being frail and alone, and having just had a hip replacement was worried to death by the constant ringing on the doorbell, trying to get up to answer it, and then being 'made jump' when she managed to get there, not to mention the fear of what would happen if she didn't provide an adequate treat. I don't think this is fair at all.

We then move on to the activities of the older 'children' in Bar Hill, the 'skateboard youth element' that hang around causing disruption in the Mall every night, having great fun chasing, throwing eggs and flour bombs at one another, right outside Tesco and the shops on the Mall, the result being eggs spattered on the floor, the walls, cars and one another! Surely the cleaning aspect is one thing, but the risk for slipping and potential injury should one of these things hit in a face! These 'children' were also wearing balaclavas similar to those worn in armed robberies, and a pretty frightening sight, not in keeping with the fear

of halloween!

Parents do you know what your children get up to at all? Do you know the disruption your children cause for people near Tesco every night? Maybe you could come and pay a surprise visit to check whether your children are involved in this 'mob'

And in general, for the huge numbers of young trick or treaters, parents is there anyway you could consider that there are a lot of these visits and all be it fun in moderation, it can be a nuisance after about 5 visits. One suggestion is to make a list of parents within your childrens class or friends, or street, who will happily allow you to trick or treat them, they can then be prepared, this then prevents the elderly residents in BH from being disturbed and scared, but doesnt detract from the fun for the youngsters. Or maybe parents could organise between themselves to ask for money and select a local charity.. or the school PTA to give the money to? to make it a more meaningful and helpful night. And detract from the fear and greed aspect that it is all about now.

November Diary

From your County Councillor

It seems that as soon as we have agreed on a budget for one year, than we start planning for the next one – and in deed, for the two years after that. It is a process known as the Medium Term Spending Priorities – or MTSP and it is something we have been working on since the late spring. This year has been more complicated than usual because the government has been embarking on its own spending review. The result will be changes to the Standard Spending Assessment, which has by now passed its sell by date! However, the financial problems facing the county continue to mount. It is no secret that we are the lowest funded of any of the county authorities in the country. Compared with other authorities

that can amount to over £100 less per head of population and it doesn't take a genius in maths to work out that in a population of just under half a million that means a lot less teachers, many less social workers and fewer potholes filled. We took our argument for fairer funding to government again and await the result of those representations. We do know that the government are reviewing our case for Area Cost Adjustment and all the options in their consultation document earlier this year sowed that Cambridgeshire would gain from the review.

But – and it's a big "but" – the government have also announced something called Resource Equalisation. It's extremely complicated and I don't claim to understand it, but I do understand the effect – which is moving resources for the well off south, to the poorer north. Under all the options Cambridgeshire loses out – so what we might gain with one had, we will almost certainly lose with the other. The only certainty is that the overall pot of money for local authorities remains unchanged, so for very authority that gains, there will be one that loses; I, for one, am not prepared to put any bets on Cambridgeshire being in the former category.

In the meantime the pressures on the county budget grow daily – social services cannot provide the service we would like within the resources available, we cannot meet the government's targets for library standards and inflation in key areas is running well ahead of the government's headline.

So what does it add up to? At the end of the day we will have to await the government's announcement – expected on the 5th December, but all the predictions make pretty gloomy reading.

John Reynolds

Bar Hill Parish Council
 Porta-cabin in
 Village Hall Car Park
 **780456**

Works to be carried out in the village

I have still not had dates back from the contractors for the works to be carried out on the trees in the Village. Work is imminent, so I will post a works schedule of streets, with dates, as and when they are being done and this list will be found in the library and in the window of the Village Hall.

Skateboard park

The drainage has now been completed but we will probably not see the effects of this until next year. Two shelters have now been installed and hopefully this will keep the youngsters out of the rain. Once the footpaths around the perimeter road have been completed the contractors will be installing a tarmac footpath leading from Saxon Way to the skate ramps.

Police surgery

Due to the lack of interest in this monthly feature PC Kevin Misik felt the surgeries should no longer take place. Thus is very unfortunate but hopefully once the new parish council office has been built, and we have a more permanent site, this may well be restarted.

Green waste

There have been several problem areas in the village over the last few months whereby residents have felt the need to dump their green waste in inappropriate places. Therefore the parish council have decided, along with the kind assistance of the allotment society, to have a green waste chipping weekend. On 12th January we will be organising for a chipper and an operator, to be located at the allotment site, who will take your green waste, chip it and dispose of it (this includes any old Christmas trees you may have hanging around) free of charge. If this event proves successful then we will be look-

ing to do it twice yearly. Please look out for the dates around the village. I will produce a poster for the Library, the school and again in the window of the Village Hall.

Village Hall refurbishment

The plans for the refurbishment of the Village Hall have now gone to South Cambridgeshire District Council for approval. Residents can inspect the plans at any time from Monday to Friday from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Parish council meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19th December at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The public is very welcome to attend the meeting.

Handy telephone numbers

Streetlights: (freephone) 0800 253529 give the CCC No. (which is written on the lamppost).
 South Cambridgeshire District Council Tel: 01223 443000
 Dog Fouling 01223 443012 (see page 276 of your 2001 telephone book for the other services they cover).
 Cambridge County Council (damaged paths and roads), Tel: 01223 717111

Leigh Baffa, Parish Clerk

So here we are, the beginning of December and the run up to one of the most beautiful, meaningful and stressful times of year. Yes, Christmas is heaving uncompromisingly into view once more and the round of eating, drinking, feasting and getting on with one's wider family begins again.

In the Church, we celebrate Christmas with gusto - and rightly so, because the birth of God in human form is a miracle beyond miracles - all the glory and majesty of the divine presence poured into the tiny, vulnerable human form of a newborn baby. This is no God who sits aloof in heaven, disinterested in human affairs - oh no - this is a God who comes to us, as he always has and always will.

But there are many dangers associated with Christmas

* we can 'play with the baby' and forget the man the baby grew up to be

* we can over-sentimentalise the story and miss it's 'down-to-earth' grittiness

* we can get confused between the one true, historical story of Christmas and the myth of a fat red man with a flowing white beard

* etc.

But there's also a danger that the Church in particular runs: that we so celebrate Christmas throughout December that we ignore the season of Advent. It used to be the case that churches didn't start singing Christmas carols until the carol service on the Sunday before Christmas day - they then celebrated the full 12-day feast of Christmas and that was it! Nowadays our Christmases start in early December and by the time we reach Christmas Day (day one of the 12-day feast), we've sometimes had enough of Christmas carols and the like.

But even worse, we've missed the point of Advent - a time deliberately given over to preparing ourselves - preparing to celebrate Christmas, yes - but also preparing ourselves to receive Jesus again at his second coming, when

he comes in all his glory to 'judge the living and the dead'. As Scripture promises:

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare."

2 Peter 3, verses 9 & 10.

I suspect we're not quite ready for Christmas this year yet, but I pray that we might be always ready for Christ's return: and as Peter wrote, like a thief, we won't be getting any warning - it could be today.

The Revd Paul Rush

Alan Webber

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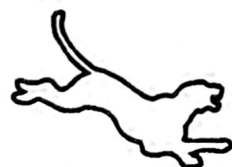
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On Saturday 2nd October four Bar Hill co-ordinators, including me, attended the Neighbourhood

Watch County Conference at Hinchbrook Park. The topic was 'Speaking up for justice - engaging the community in being part of the solution'. The overriding theme was the need to come forward if anything suspicious or a crime has been observed. The police cannot act if there is insufficient evidence.

Coming forward as a witness does not necessarily mean a court appearance. Witnesses frequently do not have to go to court; however good witnesses are the basis of the system, and very valuable in the course of justice. If attendance at a court hearing is required there is a service, The Witness Service, which is available to anyone who needs it.

The Witness Service can offer

- someone to talk to in confidence

• a visit to the court centre and, where possible, a look around the courtroom before being called as a witness

- information on court procedures

• a quiet place to wait before and during the hearing

• company into the courtroom if a witness has to give evidence

• practical help, e.g. with expense forms

• to put witnesses in touch with people who can answer specific questions about the case (the Witness Service cannot discuss evidence or offer legal advice)

• a chance to talk over the case when it has ended and to get more help and information.

The Witness Service is run by Victim Support, the national charity which helps people to cope with crime. There is a Witness Service in every Crown Court centre and magistrates' court in England and Wales. The service is confidential and free. Their telephone number is 01733 565638.

If you have some information which you think the police should know about, and you really do not feel able to telephone them direct, please do consider calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. This is a free phone

number and anything you say will be completely confidential.

If you are concerned about something that has happened locally you can, of

course, always call me and/or your Street Co-ordinator. We will do our best to help in any way we can. Christmas will be upon us by the time you read this. If you are going to be

away from home do ensure that a neighbour will keep an eye on your property. Please don't leave your pile of presents on view and invite the Opportunist thief to break in and steal them.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and crime-free Christmas.

Jill Smith, Village Co-ordinator

ICAS (The Independent Complaints Advisory Service)

A New Service for People Wanting to Make a Complaint about the National Health Service

From 1 October 2002, the Cambridge Community Health Council is undertaking a six-month pilot ICAS project with Government funding following the NHS Plan announced in July 2000. Part of the Plan is to abolish the Community Health Councils.

Staff currently providing a complaints service within the CHC will take this opportunity to develop this through the new ICAS service. They will continue to provide support to people who have a complaint about theirs or a relative's NHS treatment. ICAS, like the CHC, will give clients free, independent and confidential support.

Information about ICAS can be obtained by ringing 01223 362638. Alternatively call into the ICAS Office

at 5 Wellington Court, Cambridge, CB1HZ. Your local members of the Cambridge Community Health Council are Roger Hall (780304) and Avril Williams (782431).

Sports & Social Club New Years Eve party

This years party will be for members only. £23 for full members, £15 for senior citizens. Price includes entertainment & all drinks.

Tickets can be purchased from behind the bar. Members will be required to produce their membership cards at time of purchase & upon entry on New Years Eve.

Entertainment

Club: Julianne (female vocalist)

Village Hall: The Original Sin Discotheque

There are a limited number of tickets. To avoid disappointment get them early



Tots and Teds is a friendly group of parents and carers who meet in the

Meetings-Room in the Church Centre. Monday and Friday morning sessions are Pay and Play and are open to all pre-school children. Sessions held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings are bookable in advance and are open to children aged 1 - 3 years (Weds is 12 - 18 months only).

Each session is open from 9.45-11.15 and includes free refreshments for both children and adults. We have a wide range of activities and toys including Painting, Gluing, Play dough, messy play, sand, prams, bikes, books, activity toys and puzzles and much more. We also have a safe enclosed garden to play in with lots of large outdoor toys. To book a session or for more information please contact Anna on 205870.

Thanks to all who danced the night away at our recent Disco and Karaoke Nite. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

We have been distributing Webb Ivory Christmas catalogues. These are an ideal way to order your Christmas cards and paper as well as brilliant for presents. All orders will earn Tots and Ted's commission, so please take some time to look through it when you get one. If you have not already seen one

please call into any session to pick one up.

Could you be our 'friend'?

We need your help as parents to make Tots and Teds a success. As a committee we plan and hold lots of fundraising events throughout the year. To make these successful we need ideas for events, help on the day and for you to come along on the day. Being a 'friend' will involve helping at events; such as Playdays. You do not have to join the committee or attend meetings to be a 'friend'. Please pass on any ideas YOU may have to any committee member, Jo or Louise. If you are able to help at events please add your name to the list on the noticeboard.

Do you have any skills?

Can you do face painting, make play dough, draw, play the guitar or juggle for example. All these and more can make a big difference to a Play day or event. If you are willing to help in any way, please add your name to the 'Tots & Teds Friends' list. Thank you.

Donations

Are you in a position to donate paper and other craft materials? If so please let Jo or Louise know. All donations are much needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Kirsten

Dear Readers, Contributors and Advertisers,

As your new editor, may I begin with an apology for several shortcomings in this issue? These have been caused by difficulties in the

hand-over, and a desire to have this issue printed and distributed during the first half of December. I have therefore left many empty spaces. You may also find the print quality on some pages is not to our usual standard. Please be assured

that I have every intention to restore the content and quality to its usual standard in the next edition, which will be published at the beginning of February.

Martin Avery.



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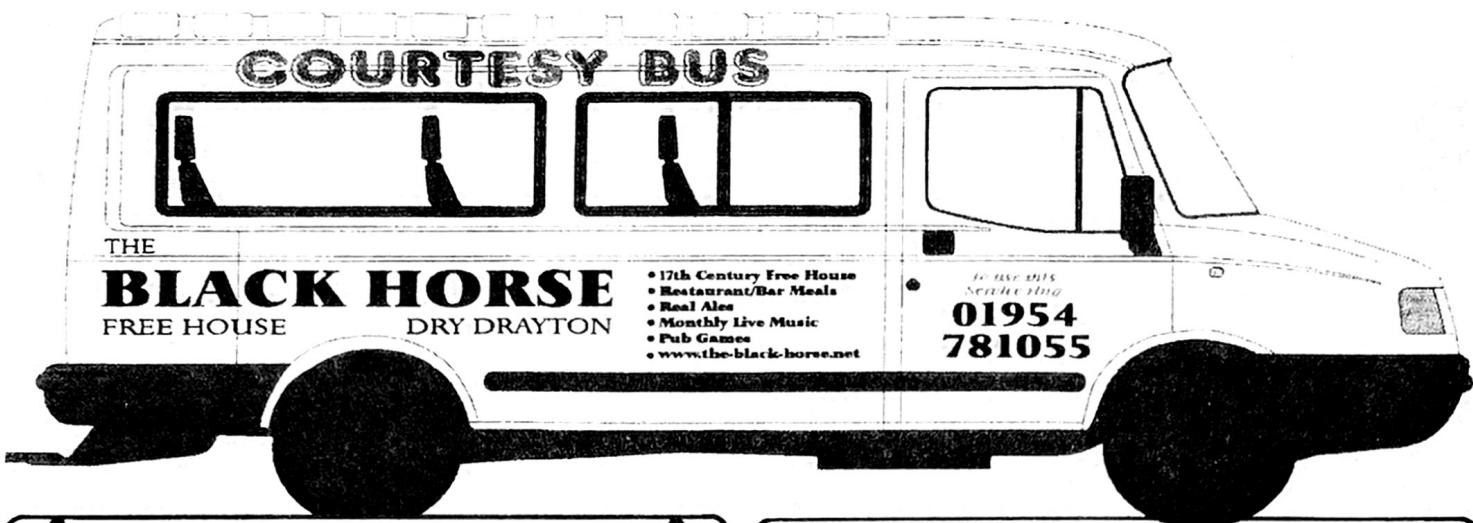
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We have a break for milk and fruit during each session. Please feel free to bring some buns or biscuits when it is your child's birthday and we will be happy to celebrate their special day with

We are members of the PLA (Pre-school Learning Alliance). We are situated adjacent to the school; we feel this is of real benefit to the children due to start in reception as they are more aware of 'what will happen next'.

Our Session times are: Weekdays 9.00 - 11.30am
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri. 12.30 - 3.00pm
Mon & Thu (Sunbeams) 1.00 - 3.00pm

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Administrator (Vicky) 205497
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them. (We supply the candles!)

We welcome parents who have some spare time to come and help during a session even if your child is receiving vouchers.

We have dedicated staff that is always on hand to offer support, help and advice and answer any questions. Members have the best interests of your child at heart when it comes to encouraging the learning process. If you think your child would enjoy some of the sessions in our setting please feel free to drop in and see us - with your child, of course!

Sunbeams

This is a session for children aged between 12-36 months. It is now a 'Pay & Play' session as we appreciate that you cannot always attend on a regular basis.

Hiring the building

£ 5 per hour
£10 to hire the kitchen
£10 ride on toys
£25 for the bouncy castle
£ 5 for use of your own castle
£45 for everything for 3 hours

Sunbeams takes place on Monday and Thursdays from 1 - 3pm, and is only £1.75 per session. We provide a wide range of activities to keep your little ones amused. Weather permitting children have the opportunity to enjoy the garden and the outdoor toys.

Lunch Club

We now have a lunch club on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 11.30-12.30pm, at only £1.70 per session.

Christmas Party

We are holding a Christmas party for the children on 20th December, so watch out for the posters.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Welcome to The Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup.

You will find us in the Village Hall Centre on the Village Green, which can easily be reached by footpath or from the perimeter road via The Spinney.

The playgroup is a non profit making community playgroup. We encourage parental involvement and the playgroup is run by a volunteer parent committee. There is the opportunity to "parent help" in some sessions. This not only allows you to be a part of playgroup life but also substantially reduces your fees.

The aim of our community playgroup is to enhance the personal and social development of **all** children placed in our care. This is achieved through the various activities we have in our **two rooms**, which provides the educational setting required by OFSTED. Our friendly staff team of 'Early Years Practitioners' - Sonya, Julie and Sylvia run all of our sessions.

Lunch Club

From September we have started 'Lunch Club'. This is open to all Playgroup children regardless of age. Lunch Club is an optional extra hour where your children can eat their packed lunch amongst friends. Lunch Club will cost £1.60 and packed lunches must be provided by parents. Places are limited so book your days to avoid disappointment

Session times: -

Mon, Wed & Thu. 9.15 - 11.45 am
(inc. Lunch Club) 9.15 - 12.45 am
Tue. 12.15 - 2.45 pm

(inc. Lunch Club) 11.15 - 2.45 pm
Tue. 'Playtots' 9.15 - 10.45 am
Fri. 'Rising Fives' 9.15 - 12.45 am
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Information

We pride ourselves on our warm and friendly atmosphere, which we believe helps children to feel comfortable and more able to develop their social skills. We have a wide range of equipment to encourage children to experiment with various types of play. This includes a slide, climbing frame, a playhouse, various dressing-up clothes, a Brio train set, a sand/water play area, a painting area, a book corner and too many puzzles and games to mention!

Each session is well balanced, incorporating a timetable of events in both rooms. Our **Craft Room** provides us with the facilities to develop mathematics, scientific reasoning and Information Technology through a series of topics that incorporate the use of all the equipment.

If you would like to call in and see what we offer, please do. The staff will be happy to see you. Our recent OFSTED inspection report is held at Playgroup and we would be glad to show it to you.

Playtots

This is run by Sonya on a Tuesday morning and is an excellent way for your tiny tots to get used to the idea of playgroup. The starting age is just **One Year old until Two and a half**. It is popular with both parents and childminders and really gives children the chance to enjoy playing and crafts. We want to give parents maximum time to enjoy playing with their children and to have a well-deserved break, so no tidying or clearing up duties. The playgroup takes

care of that. Tea and Coffee is available for adults, and children are given a drink and a biscuit as part of the entrance fee. The other good news is that it is "pay on the day" so you don't lose out if you can't make it one week.

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Nursery Grant

Under the Nursery Grant Scheme, if your child is eligible, he/she is entitled to **5 free sessions per week**. Please ring Julie Jolley on **780445** for more information.

Places

For places ring Julie Jolley on **780445**. Application forms are available at Playgroup, The Library and the foyer of the Village Hall.

Subsidised places

We are happy to offer subsidised places to parents on Income Support or Family Credit. Any such request will go before the committee together with supporting documentation supplied by the applicant and will be dealt with on an individual basis. Requests would be dealt with in a confidential manner.

Please note that we also offer discounts if your child attends more than 4 sessions per week.

Only one discount/subsidy will be allowed per child. Please call our administrator, Julie Jolley, on **780445** for more information.

Rachel Slater

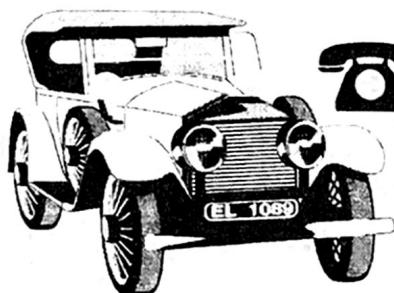
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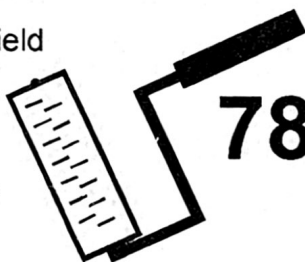
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Our session is every Tuesday between 2.15pm and 3.45pm in the Church Meetings Room. Refreshments are available and with no obligation to borrow every week, you can just come along and play.

Christmas is coming, the 'Party Season' is here, so why not hire our karaoke machine for just £5 per week.

For more information about Toy Library visit our website at i.am/barhilltoylibrary or ring Sarah on 200469.

National Women's Register

We meet once a fortnight on a Monday or Thursday evening at 8pm. We are a lively group of women of varied ages and a cross section of occupations. Newcomers are always welcome, so why not come along and join us?

Diary Dates

Mon. 9th Dec. - Play reading. At: 31 Acorn Avenue.

Mon. 6th Jan. - Discussion - what is your favourite pantomime? If you could play a pantomime character, which would it be? Why? At: 37 Acorn Avenue.

Thu. 23rd Jan. - Italian evening. At: 55 Acorn Avenue.

Mon. 3rd Feb. - Discussion - should prostitution/brothels be legalised? At: 30 Hillcrest.

Thu. 20th Feb. - Massage demonstration by Szuzsa Smith. At: 6 Partridge Drive.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact Joan Tanton **780529** or Jennifer O'Dell **201269**

8 O'Clock Club

Diary Dates

Jan No meeting
Feb 6th The Life of a Racehorse
Mar 6th The History of

Addenbrooke's Hospital

The Eight o'clock Club meets in the school at 8-00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. If you would like to come along or require more information, please

telephone Barbara Page on 204171.

Barbara Page



At the Annual General Meeting in October, the following officers were elected:

<i>Chairman</i>	Mike Duce
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	Tony Shubotham
<i>Secretary</i>	Ann Duce
<i>Treasurer</i>	Neville Clark
<i>Welfare Officer</i>	Terry Barnes
<i>(*and Poppy Organiser)</i>	
<i>Standard Bearer</i>	Mike Conlan

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We aim to provide support for working parents as well as welcoming children to join our Club for fun sessions. Parents may not realise that if they are eligible for Working Family Tax Credit, they can claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. During the holidays we are also able to take children from the surrounding area on a first come, first served basis.

We are governed by OFSTED, supported by The Care & Education Partnership and are members of Kids Club Network. Four members of staff have NVQs in Playwork, all staff are First Aid trained and are continuously updating their training.

If you would like more information or would like to visit us, please contact Patsie on 201079.

It is too early to give an exact figure for the Poppy Appeal, the target of over £4,700 being a tremendous target. Many thanks to everyone involved, particularly to non-members and Tesco for their co-operation throughout the week.

The branch cenotaph was dedicated at the Octagon on 4th November by the Rev. Gary Renison, assisted by the Rev. Paul Rush, with representatives from various local organisations and businesses being present. For a village which has no permanent War Memorial. This is a very important ceremony during Remembrance week, and nobody can fail to be impressed by the sight of schoolchildren and youth organisations placing their wreaths.

Remembrance Sunday started with an assembly of RBL members, who were joined by the scouts and guides for the church service. Congratulations to a guide, Catriona Cheng, who carried the Union Flag and led the procession to the church (and also to Mike Conlan, who had instructed her in the finer arts of standard bearing).

E. A. Patrick, 782136

Library Opening Times

Monday	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10.00am - 6.00pm
Thursday	2.00pm - 8.00pm
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Saturday	9.30am - 1.00pm
Sunday	Closed

Ladies International Group

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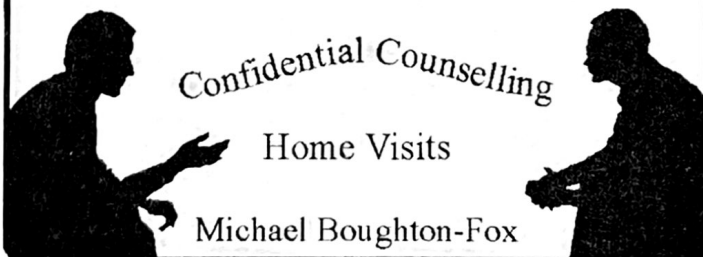


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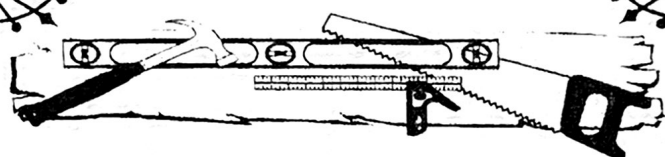
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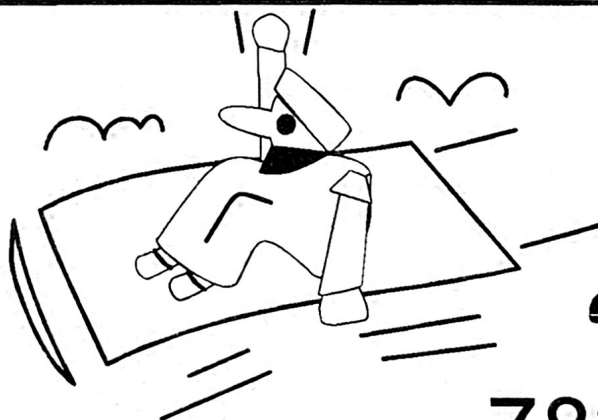
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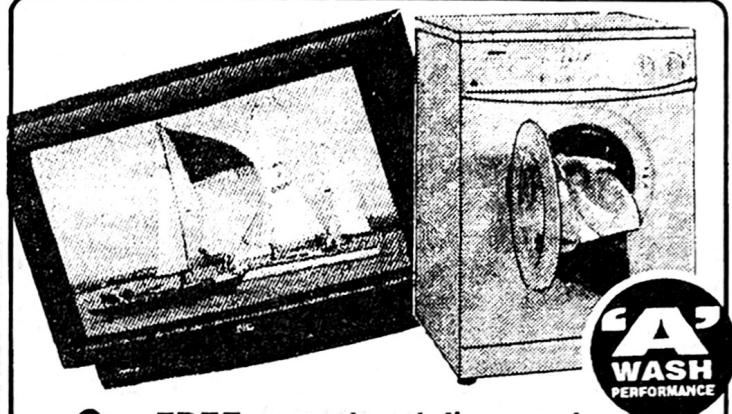
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Tuesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Thursday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

We finished Club nights at the end of September but members can play throughout the winter.

For more details contact:

Geoff Brock (Chairman) 780846

John Suchocki 780461

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The Table Tennis Club meets every Tuesday evening at the school hall. The Juniors Session runs from 7:00pm till 8:00pm, The intermediates from 8:00pm till 9:00pm, and the Seniors from 8:00pm till 9:30pm. If you want to come along and enjoy a friendly game of table tennis, or if you would just like to come and see what goes on, please do contact any of the people listed, we are only too keen to help and advise. Over the coming months, we will be reporting on the various events and competitions that we run, and bring you some pictures of the players at the club. As I said, please feel free to contact us, on the numbers below, at any time. More News, next month

CONTACT NAMES

Brian Howard - 781945 (Seniors)

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Sports and Social Club

Diary Dates

Fri. Dec 13th - Logic 60s 70s Irish Duo

Fri. Dec 20th - Christmas draw

Fri. Dec 27th - Children's Pantomime. Village Hall (Rumpelstiltskin)

Tue Dec 31st - New Year's Eve Party

Fri. 24th Jan. - Back from a summer season in Cyprus (Mr Lee Tyson as Elvis)

Fri. 7th Feb. - from last years summer season in Gt. Yarmouth and back by popular demand (Miss Hanna Vine)

Christmas Draw

There are two 'draws'. Adults' 25p a go and children's 20p. Tickets can be purchased at the bar. Both draws will take place on 20th December.

Bob Wells, Social Club Chairman



The 'PROJECT' is now well underway, and the floodlit all weather surface is proving very popular indeed. In fact the court is in constant use almost every evening, either for football training, or to support the new 'Floodlit 5-a-side League'. The Parish Council owned facility, is available for hire by clubs, organisations, or private hire for matches, or football birthday parties etc. Although, designed for football, the Project committee would very much like to see it utilised for as many different sports as possible. Very soon we are looking forward to seeing the first Hockey played on the court as Active Sports begin the first coaching sessions for younger players in the village. If you are interested in trying out your Hockey skills, contact any of the committee for more information. Following closely on the heels of the hockey will be an open time when we hope to offer supervised free time for our teenagers. Look out for news of the activities around the village, and in the coming months 'News'. We are also looking at a wide range of other uses for the facility, but we want more! So if you have any ideas on other sports, or even if you are just looking for somewhere to play, please do give us a call anytime. If you wish to find out more about hiring the 'All Weather Court', then contact our "Bookings Secretary" Lisa Francis on 01954 201160. The future plans for the facility include, Women's/Girl's football sessions, Adult's football coaching/ fitness, and weekend & after school access.

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Secretary:	Paul Thorby	781527
Bookings Secretary:	Lisa Francis	201160
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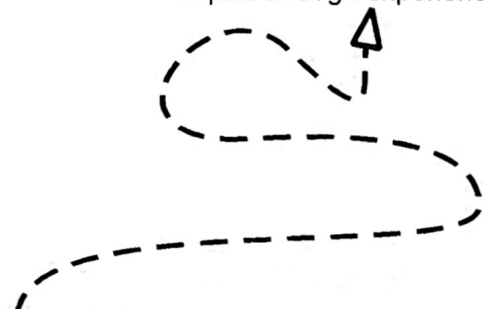
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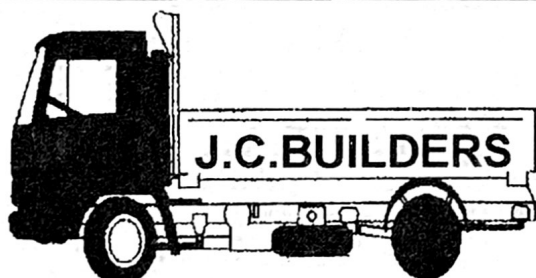
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Hi to all of you in Bar Hill. Well, we are now into 'silly season', where we never know from one day to the next if the next game will go ahead. But PLEASE do battle the elements, and pop down to cheer on our young boys and girls. I can tell you all that jumping up and down, getting excited and clapping your hands will certainly warm you up. Feel free to bring along a flask of warm drink, and enjoy the weather.

ENTERTAINMENTS

As I write this article, our November 'bash' was about to be a roaring success. Thanks to those of you who came along and joined in the fun. Thanks to Paul Prime & Lisa Francis, who, as ever, organised another spectacular to go down in Colts history. Thanks also to Trevor Chapman, and all managers who helped out on the day.

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U13	Paul Prime	203175
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CONTACTS

Details of all the regulars as always.

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FEATURE TEAM - UNDER 9's

This month's feature team are known as 'The Bullets', and under the able management of Paul Thorby, have been together since they were only 4 years of age. Thanks to 'Tesco Extra' the boys can be seen playing proudly in their Royal Blue & White Kit. Currently playing in division 9B of The

Cambridgeshire Mini Soccer League, the squad of 14 players have had a fantastic start to the season, as can be seen from their results. This follows on from last years fantastic season, at Under 8's, when the team remained unbeaten throughout the entire season (There are a few premiership teams wanting to know their secret I bet). During their campaign, they scored an incredible 164 goals. They work very hard at their Wednesday night training sessions to ensure that they are able to give their absolute best for Bar Hill, and were recently runners up in a 5-a-side summer tournament at Littleport. Like all the Bar Hill teams, it's not just about football, and they enjoy regular trips & parties together. Some of the recent fun they've

enjoyed include trips to Cambridge United, Thetford Forest, and they are currently looking forward to their Xmas Party. Of course no team is complete without the Parent's support, so thanks to Linda Ogilvie, Mandy Clare, Mark Hart & Adrian Kent. I am sure that you would all like to join me in wishing Paul and his boys good luck for the seasons, and years ahead.

Under 9's Fixture 2002-03

21/09	Swavesey Spartans	(won 4-2)
05/10	Bluntisham 'B'	(won)
12/10	Cottenham Juniors	(won)
02/11	Comberton	(won 8-3)
16/11	Bluntisham 'B'	(home)
30/11	St. Ives Town	(home)
14/12	Swavesey Spartans	(away)
28/12	Hardwick Harriers	(away)
11/01	Chatteris Town 'B'	(home)
25/01	Bluntisham 'A'	(away)
08/02	Willingham Wolves	(home)
22/02	Papworth Blasters	(home)
01/03	Cottenham Juniors	(away)
08/03	Comberton	(home)
15/03	Willingham Wolves	(home)
22/03	St. Ives Town	(away)
29/03	Papworth Blasters	(away)
05/04	Hardwick Harriers	(home)
12/04	Longstowe Lions	(home)
26/04	Longstowe Lions	(away)
03/05	Chatteris Town 'B'	(away)
10/05	Bluntisham 'A'	(home)

LOGO COMPETITION

If you haven't entered our fantastic competition, there's still time! Get your pencils, crayons, and paper out now! The competition to design a new badge for the Colts, is open to anyone under the age of 17. Create for us, a new logo, on a sheet of A4 paper. Put your Name, age, address & telephone number on the back of your entry, and send it in to me at 66, Field View. Entries must be in by 31st December 2002. The competition is free to enter, and as well as some great prizes, the winner's logo will become the Club emblem. If you want any more information please give us a call.

All that's left is for me to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, from all of us at Bar Hill Colts.

Barry Dean



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Annual General Meeting

The 13th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Monday 4th November when 68 members were present. The Chairman, Sid Hunt, opened the meeting and gave an account of the activities over the past twelve months. The minutes, which had previously been circulated, were agreed and signed. Mrs Ruby Hunt, treasurer, reported that the finances were in good shape. All serving members of the Committee were re-elected, together with Helen Collins and Ernie Arnold.

Competition. Following the AGM. Mrs Ida Sulman was called upon to present prizes to this years competition winners. They were as follows: *Scrabble* - Len Sheridan, *Rummikub* - Helen Collins, *Crib* - Ken Collins, *Darts (Men)* - Ernie Arnold, *Darts (Ladies)* - Ruby Hunt, *Table Tennis* - Phyllis James, *Dominoes* - Sid Hunt.

There had been well over 80 entries to the various competitions, which were contested over several weeks.

Outings. The October outing took place on Wednesday 16th to the ancient town of Stamford, which was an important centre long before the Romans built Ermine Street through it as part of the great north road. With good weather it was a most enjoyable visit.

The November outing was to the city of Norwich. This was mainly for Christmas shopping, but many members also went sightseeing. Norwich Cathedral boasts of having the second tallest spire in the country. The five-day 'Tinsel and Turkey' holiday commences on Monday 2nd December, when some members will travel to Bournemouth.

Raffle: The raffle in November raised a total of £60.00, which is being donated by popular request to the Children's Hospice in Milton. Members are to be congratulated for donating prizes. During the year, raffles have

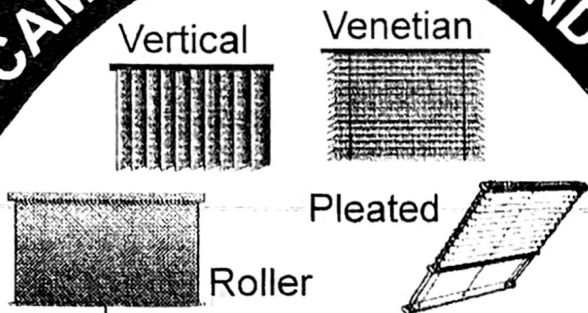
raised £298.50, all of which has been given to various local charities.

Ted Fisher. It is with regret that I have to report the death of Ted, who died quite suddenly on Wednesday 23rd October. Over 30 of our members attended his funeral held on Friday 1st. November, which was conducted by Rev. Canon Pam Reed, Chaplain to Cambridge branch of the Royal Air Force Association before a large number of his family, friends, colleagues and cadets. Our thoughts are with Elsie his wife, and his family.

Sickness Joan Platt is still confined to her home but making steady progress after a knee operation. Apart from colds, coughs, aches and pains. all members are well.

Dennis Holt, 780948.

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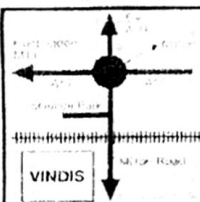


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	6.30pm	<i>Make Way for Christmas</i>	Worship Leaders: Mr. Bob Chappell and Rev Paul Rush
Tues 17th	2.30pm	Senior Citizen's Carols	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Wed. 18th	10.00am	Mid-week Communion	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
Sun 22nd	10.00am	Worship Service & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
	6.30pm	Village Carols by Candlelight	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Tues 24th	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Preacher: Mrs. Julie Gawthorpe
	9.30pm	Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
Christmas Day	10.00am	Christmas Day Family Communion	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Sun 29th	10.00am	Family Service & Holy Communion	Preacher Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	No Evening Service	

People to contact:

The Minister: Rev Gary Renison **781629** The Assistant Minister: Rev Paul Rush **204812**
 Church Administrator: Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel. & Fax **206120**)

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 Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
 Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
 also 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On

Dec.				
Fri.	13th	9.00pm	Crystal Entertainment Disco	The Fox
Fri.	13th		Logic (60s 70s Irish duo)	Social Club
Sat	14th	9.00pm	Monkey's Uncle - Live Duo	The Fox
Thu	19th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Fri.	20th	9.00pm	Crystal Entertainment Disco	The Fox
Fri.	20th		Christmas Draw	Social Club
Sat	21st	9.00pm	Paulie Jay - Live Entertainer	The Fox
Tue.	24th	8.00pm	Xmas Eve - Caribbean Fancy Dress Beach Party	The Fox
Fri.	27th		Children's Pantomime (Rumpelstiltskin)	Village Hall
Sat	28th	8.00pm	Cocney Night	The Fox
Tue.	31st		New Year's Eve Party	Social Club
Jan.				
Mon	6th	8.00pm	NWR Play Reading	37 Acorn avenue
Sun	12th	All Day	Green Waste Chipper	Allotments
Thu	23rd	8.00pm	NWR Italian Evening	55 Acorn avenue
Fri	24th		Lee Tyson as Elvis	Social Club
Fri	31st	8.00pm	Residents' association AGM	School
Feb				
Mon	3rd	8.00pm	NWR "Should Prostitution and Brothels be legalised?"	30 Hillcrest
Thu	6th	8.00pm	8 O'Clock Club "The Life of a Racehorse"	School
Fri	7th		Miss Hanna Vine	Social Club
Thu	20th	8.00pm	NWR Massage Demonstration	6 Partridge Drive
Mar				
Thu	6th	8.00pm	8 O'Clock Club "The History of Addenbrooke's Hospital"	School

New Bar Hill News Editor

The Residents' Association Committee would like to thank Margaret and Brian Carpenter for all their help with the editing, typing and layout of the Bar Hill News over the past 11 or 12 years. This has involved a huge amount of work for which we are extremely grateful.

As the new editor, I would like to invite all village organisations and individuals to send news, information and letters for publication to me at **34 Acorn Avenue**. I prefer copy to be provided electronically if possible: either by floppy disk, or by e-mail to **bhneditor@yahoo.com**. If it is not possible to provide copy electronically, typed copy is much quicker to process than that which is hand-written. However, hand-written copy will not be rejected provided it is legible.

Copy date is the 15th of the previous month, and I will be unlikely to include any article received after that date. The committee have set a timetable that is intended to result in future copies of the BHN being delivered within the first week of the month.

Can you help?

As many of you know, the Bar Hill News is produced entirely by volunteers. If you would like to help us, we are in need of someone to deliver in part of The Brambles, and would also like to extend our list of collators (who assemble and staple 100 copies each)

Martin Avery, 781233